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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office Action of August 24, 2007. A response to the August 24, 2007 Office Action was due November 24, 2007. Applicants are concurrently filing a Petition for a 1-Month Extension of Time, including the required fee. Therefore, a response is due December 24, 2007. Accordingly, this Response is being timely filed.

Kindly amend the specification as follows: